Watchung, NJ, June 13, 2020. Following the tragic death of George Floyd, and during the ensuing weeks of worldwide protests, Mayor Keith Balla considered what could be done locally to address the outrage brought to the surface by recent tragic events.

"I've given a great deal of thought to measures we can take in our borough that could make a real difference in how our residents view Watchung's efforts to tackle tough issues such as racism, sexism, and discrimination. I will outline those measures at Thursday's council meeting and look forward to beginning the conversation to bring people from all walks of life together to work toward a more just environment," the Mayor said.

He added, "We see the pain and suffering that has shuttered many communities across the country. We must come together as a community to listen and commit to work together to implement reforms that will ensure equality, justice, and education through our constructive dialogue. Our Watchung family working hand-in-hand to craft a comprehensive plan to address diversity, equality, inclusion, and justice will certainly create a unique bond among our citizens working or the betterment of all residents."

Watchung's regular council meeting will take place on Thursday, June 18, 2020 at 7:30 pm.